



## Pacific Region Fruit & Nut Review

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### SEPTEMBER CROP COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA

Late stone fruit harvest drew to a close early in the month. Pruning of harvested stone fruit orchards continued. Some late season peach varieties were harvested in Sutter County. Wine, table, and raisin grape harvest were ongoing while harvest of some early wine grape varieties was completed. Raisin grapes continued to be placed on trays for drying. Dried raisin grapes were rolled and picked up, while some still remained to dry in the vineyards. Some old vineyards were removed with replanting new varieties or tree crops. Some wine grape yields were reported to be lower than anticipated. Early variety pomegranate harvest continued. The warm weather promoted color change in persimmons as they continued to gain size. Strawberry and blackberry harvest continued. Early apple varieties were harvested. The almond harvest was in full swing with some reports of high yields and good quality. By the end of the month, the almond harvest was nearly completed in some locations. Gypsum and potash were staged for application to almond orchards following the completion of harvest. Walnut orchards were being prepared for harvest and sprayed for husk fly and Navel Orangeworm. Ethephon sprays were applied to some walnut groves. Pistachio harvest began and orchards were sprayed for Navel Orangeworm before the second harvest shaking started mid-month. Olive harvest began and continued throughout the month.

Valencia oranges continued to be harvested and packed throughout the month, though harvest was winding down by the end of the month. Lemons continued to be harvested and packed during the month. Finger limes continued to be harvested. Navel oranges continued to develop well. Citrus nurseries were supplying local growers with replacement trees.

### FLORIDA CITRUS

In the citrus growing region, daily high temperatures were slightly above average for this time of the year. Daytime highs were in the lower to mid-90s; early morning temperatures were mostly in the lower to mid-70s. Reported rainfall amounts were about average in the citrus growing region. Nine of eighteen monitored stations had seven or more inches of rainfall. The least rainfall was in Balm (Hillsborough County) at 3.96 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor as of September 27, 2016, only a portion of Orange, Seminole, Brevard, and Volusia counties were showing abnormally dry conditions. The remainder of the citrus region was drought free.

Fruit sizes are variable due to multiple blooms earlier in the season. Hamlin oranges were showing color in the southern area. Red grapefruit on the east coast were showing color in well cared for groves. There have been small amounts of early oranges harvested for the processed market. Fallglo tangerines, Ambersweet and Navel oranges, and Red grapefruit have been harvested in small amounts for the fresh market. Growers were mowing, spraying, and applying herbicides as part of routine grove care. Pushing of dead and dying trees continued, with some resetting of new trees reported.

### Utilized Production of Pecans Improved - California and United States: 2015 and Forecasted October 1, 2016

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2015	2016
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
California .....	3,960	5,000
United States .....	225,180	238,900

# Utilized Production of Oranges by Crop - California and United States: 2015-2016 and Forecasted October 1, 2016

[The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.]

Crop and State	Utilized Production boxes <sup>1</sup>		Utilized production ton equivalent <sup>2</sup>	
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 tons	1,000 tons
California, all .....	54,200	50,500	2,168	2,020
Early, mid, and Navel <sup>3</sup> .....	45,500	42,000	1,820	1,680
Valencia .....	8,700	8,500	348	340
United States, All.....	137,491	121,850	5,911	5,228
Early, mid, and Navel <sup>3</sup> .....	82,951	77,000	3,502	3,253
Valencia .....	54,540	44,850	2,409	1,975
<b>Grapefruit</b>				
California.....	3,800	4,000	152	160
United States.....	19,400	18,300	803	756
<b>Tangerines and mandarins <sup>4</sup></b>				
California.....	21,700	23,000	868	920
United States.....	23,115	24,650	935	997
<b>Lemons</b>				
California.....	20,500	21,000	820	840
United States.....	22,250	22,800	890	912

<sup>1</sup> Net pounds per box: California-80.

<sup>2</sup> Total may not add due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Navel and miscellaneous varieties in California. Early (including Navel) and midseason varieties in Florida and Texas. For 2015-2016 Small quantities of Temples in Florida. Beginning in 2016-2017 Temples in Florida are included in Tangerines and mandarins.

<sup>4</sup> Includes tangelos and tangors.